

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging their claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings filed on March 19, 2001, asking Applicants to add labels of the elements shown in the figures. Applicants have added labels to the drawings. Applicants also canceled unit 10 from Fig. 1. Nothing new has been added.

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, and 4-9 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly.

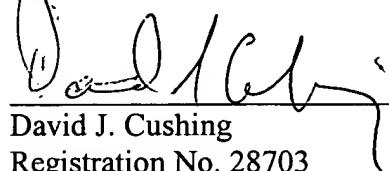
The Examiner has suggested inserting “another” before the word “synchronization” in line 14 of the original claim 3; and inserting “another” before the word “incoming” in line 8 of the original claim 4. Applicants did not do so, because such changes do not conform to the invention that Applicants want to claim. Applicants have made all other formality changes suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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